

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WELFARE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS (NAWRS)



44th Annual Workshop

Welfare Reform Reauthorization:
The Sooner the Better

August 22-25, 2004

Renaissance Oklahoma City
Convention Center Hotel
and Cox Business Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Co-Hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services

About the Workshop

Join us for the 44th annual NAWRS workshop in Oklahoma City. States await welfare reform reauthorization, and many states continue to experience budget pressures. Services to populations in need are often vulnerable to budgetary shortages. In an environment of diminishing resources, human service agencies must balance priorities and determine which programs are most effective and efficient. Looking forward to reauthorization and responding to these challenging times with human services research will be the focus of this year's workshop.

Attendees of the Annual Workshop will stay at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City. The hotel is adjacent to the Cox Business Center, the site of the 2004 NAWRS Annual Workshop. Located just steps from the hotel is Bricktown, the historic district containing several dining and entertainment venues.

Why Attend?

- Keep abreast of the latest research findings and learn about state-of-the-art research methods.
- Discuss new policies affecting human services programs.
- Share your research findings and expertise with others.
- Establish and renew professional relationships.

Program Highlights

- MONDAY** *Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin' - The Current Environment for Welfare Research*
Don Winstead, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy, USDHHS
James Ziliak, Director, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research
- TUESDAY** *People Will Say We're In Love - Two Panel Discussions on Healthy Marriage Policies*
Organized and Moderated by Mary Myrick, Project Manager, *Oklahoma Marriage Initiative*
and Brendan Kelly, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, ACF, USDHHS
- WEDNESDAY** *Out of My Dreams - A Panel Presentation by the Congressional Research Service*

Preliminary Conference Agenda

Check www.nawrs.org for program updates.

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Sunday, August 22	1:00 – 5:30 p.m. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Registration Reception
Monday, August 23	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Vendor Exposition Registration Continental Breakfast / Networking Opening Session and Keynote Plenary Session Lunch with Speaker Concurrent Sessions Concurrent Sessions
Tuesday, August 24	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Vendor Exposition Continental Breakfast / Networking Plenary Session Concurrent Sessions Lunch with Speaker Plenary Session Concurrent Sessions Special Event at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Wednesday, August 25	8:30 – 10:00 a.m. 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Plenary Session Concurrent Sessions Closing Lunch

TENTATIVE CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS

TANF and WIA Reauthorization
Marriage Initiatives
Sanctions and Time Limits
Employment/Job Retention and Advancement/Work Supports
Child Welfare
Child Support Enforcement
Child Care
Health Care and Medicaid
Food Stamps and Food Insecurity
Homelessness and Housing Issues
Hard to Serve Populations/Barriers to Employment
Faith-Based Initiatives
Prisoner Re-Entry and Human Services
Poverty Research and its Relationship to Human Services Reforms
Research and Data Collection/Evaluation Strategies and Methodologies
Data Reporting and Performance Measurement

SEE YOU IN OKLAHOMA CITY!

The NAWRS 44th Annual Workshop will be held at:

**The Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel
10 North Broadway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
Telephone: (405) 228-8000
Fax: (405) 228-8080**

*****When registering, please request the special rate for NAWRS 44th Annual Workshop*****

A limited number of rooms has been reserved at a special workshop single rate of \$80.00, double rate of \$80.00, triple rate of \$90.00, and quad rate of \$100.00 per night (plus a room tax that currently is 10.375%). This special rate will also apply for up to three days before and three days after the NAWRS 44th Annual Workshop - so arrive early or stay after the Workshop.

You are urged to make your reservations early, **but no later than July 22, 2004**. To obtain the special rate, call the Renaissance Hotel at **(405) 228-8000**. Be sure to tell the operator that you will be attending the NAWRS 44th Annual Workshop.

You will be required to secure your room with a charge card in order to hold your reservation. The Renaissance Hotel will allow you to secure your room at the time you telephone them using a valid Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, or American Express credit card number and expiration date.

If there is a need to cancel your reservation, you must contact the Renaissance Hotel at least 48 hours prior to your arrival time. The hotel operator will give you a cancellation number.

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. on the date of your arrival. Check out time is 11:00 a.m.

**Again, please note - The deadline for the special rate is July 22, 2004.
The room rate will increase after that date.**

We do not anticipate any difficulties with the staff of this fine hotel. However, as an added measure, if you do experience any problems with hotel reservations, please call Kenneth Kickham at (405) 521-4551.